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LIQUID AT ROOM TEMPERATURES

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO-1449 a listing of the documents cited by or submitted to the U.S. PTO in parent application Serial No. 08/578,308, filed December 26, 1995. As provided in 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the documents are not being provided since they were previously submitted to or cited by the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified parent application.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

## TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A41, JP 61-251619, relates to nicotine-containing adhesive tapes prepared by incorporating nicotine in a high molecular weight adhesive applied to the skin as tape.

Document A42, WO 94/08571, relates to a patch for transdermal administration of a chemically based pharmaceutical compound.

English translations of the Japanese and German documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts were provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent case on May 21, 1996. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609).

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

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